

MINUTES ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE March 17, 2011 @ 9:30 A.M. ABP Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Leroy Brownlee, Chairman

Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary

John Felts, Commissioner

Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner Joe Peacock, Commissioner Jimmy Wallace, Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS

PRESENT: James L. Williams, II, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

EXCUSED WITH VALID

REASON(S): Carol V. Bohannan, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

Ashley Vailes, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office Pam Brown, Assistant Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC Norma Gillerson, Fiscal Support Supervisor, ABP Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor – Prerelease, ABP Sharon Lewis, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, ABP Lois Hansberry Administrative Support Supervisor – Revocation - ABP

CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Brownlee called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. A guorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 24, 2011

Commissioner Carpenter moved. The minutes were approved as presented. Commissioner Felts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman gave a status report of ongoing agency and legislative activities.

- Senate Bill 750, a bill presented to reduce the growth in the prison system, is awaiting the signature of the Governor.
- Commissioner Felts stated that in light of SB750 and the timeframe the Investigator position has remained vacant; he asked and made a motion to re-advertise the position for 5 additional days. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A presentation was made by Minister Curlee Robinson, Assistant Director and Ms. Lea Glenns, Program Coordinator for Southwest Good Samaritan Restoration Center. This is a non-profit organization that assists deployed soldiers and released ex-felons.

- Commissioner Wallace asked the following questions: (1) Source of Funding, (2) Location of Program, and (3) How Many Can Be Housed.
- Response by Ms. Glenns: (1) Grants, VA, Labor Department, and other sources, (2) 5901 Murray Drive, Little Rock, (3) Transitional housing for 25-30 people.
- Commissioner Peacock made a motion to pass a resolution supporting the Southwest Good Samaritan Restoration Center Program. Commissioner Mays seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Chairman Brownlee stated he will make a recommendation of support to David Eberhard, Director of Department of Community Correction.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

The Board reviewed the listing of victim input hearings that were conducted the first half of March 2011.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Commissioner Mays moved.

Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion to ratify the votes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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LEROY BROWNLEE
CHAIRMAN
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RICHARD L. MAYS, JR.
SECRETARY

ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE FIRST BOARD VOTE RATIFICATION

MARCH 2011

<u>UNITS:</u>	RATIFIED (X)
DELTA	
GRIMES	
MCPHERSON	
NORTH CENTRAL UNIT	
TUCKER	
TUCKER MAX.	
OTHER: TRANSFER SCREENINGS, CLEMENCIES, PARDONS, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, RESCINDS, SPECIAL CONSIDEATIONS, ACT 290, 700'S, EPA, ETC.	
MOTION BY: RICHARD L. MAYS, JR. SECONDED BY: ABRAHAM CARPENTER, JR.	
RATIFICATION DATE: March 17 2011	